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SUBJECT: IMCO MARINE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

REF: LONDON 8194

1. WE AGREE WITH IMCO SECRETARY GOAD THAT THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR A DRAFTING CHANGE IN THE DRAFT MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION TO ORIENT IT TOWARDS THE NEW COMMITTEE, RATHER THAN THE MSC, AND OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS HAVE RUN IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS HIS (PARA THREE OF HIS PAPER QUOTED REFTEL). REFERENCE MIGHT BE, AS HE SUGGESTS, TO "AN APPROPRIATE ORGAN OF IMCO," OR POSSIBLY AN ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION SIMPLY REFERRING TO IMCO ITSELF. WE WOULD ENVISAGE A CONFERENCE RESOLUTION THEREAFTER TO MAKE CLEAR THE INTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

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2. WE WOULD PREFER TO STICK TO THE SCHEDULE DECIDED BY

THE COUNCIL IN JUNE FOR REPORTING FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO THE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY. WHILE GOAD'S SUGGESTION FOR ACCELERATING THE SCHEDULE TO OBTAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL BEFORE THE MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE CONVENES IS ATTRACTIVE, AND COULD GIVE THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS MORE WEIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, WE FEEL THIS ADVANTAGE WOULD BE OUTWEIGHTED BY (A) POSSIBLY CREATING THE APPEARANCE OF A FEW FORCING THE PACE, AND (B) SEEMING TO PLACE CERTAIN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS (WEARING COUNCIL HATS)

IN THE POSITION OF TAKING A DECISION AT THE OUTSET OF THE CONFERENCE ON A SUBJECT ALLIED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE CONFERENCE. (WE COULD EVEN IMAGINE A MOVE FOR THIS REASON TO POSTPONE THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING TO THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE, TBUS CANCELLING OUT WHATEVER ADVANTAGE WAS TO BE DERIVED FROM ACCELERATED ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.)

3. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, WE FEEL ALL INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY ADHERING TO THE SCHEDULE ALREADY DECIDED BY THE COUNCIL FOR BRINGING THE NEW COMMITTEE INTO BEING, INCLUDING CIRCULATING THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE AS AN INFORMATIONAL PAPER, AND AT THE CONFERENCE REVISING THE REFERENCES IN THE FINAL TEXT AS NECESSARY TO TAKE FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF THE RESTRUCTURING UNDERWAY WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY FOREGOING US VIEWS TO GOAD AND REPORT HIS REACTIONS BY PRIORITY CABLE IF FURTHER USG CONSIDERATION SEEMS IN ORDER. RUSH

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